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NOAA Jeopardy

Grades 9-12: Marine Mammals

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Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises

Answer	Question
Kingdom Animalia, Phylum Chordata, Subphylum Vertebrata, Class Mammalia, Order?	What is Cetacea?
Large plates hanging from some whale species' upper jaws	What is baleen?
Toothed whales use this to find food	What is echolocation?
Whale famous for its singing	What is the humpback whale?
Two characteristics of whales used by scientists to identify individuals	What are dorsal fins, flukes, head shape, or callosities?



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Name the Animal

Answer	Question
Largest animal that has ever lived	What is the Blue whale?
Largest member of the dolphin family	What is the Killer whale or Orcinus Orca?
Uses rock as tool to open clams	What is a sea otter?
Most endangered whale in U.S. waters	What is the Northern Right Whale?
Only seal that lives in the tropics	What is the Hawaiian Monk Seal?

Seals, Sea Lions, Walrus

Answer	Question
Have tusk will travel	What is a walrus?
Group with external 'earlobes'	What are sea lions?
All go here to give birth	What is land?
Possible source of the mermaid legend	What is a manatee?
Became extinct in 1768	What is Steller's Sea Cow?



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Marine Mammal Potpourri

Answer	Question
Marine bear species	What is the polar bear?
3 of 6 characteristics of mammals	What are: Bear live young, produce milk, breathe air, have hair, four-chambered heart, regulate body temperature?
Approximate number of marine mammal species—75, 120, or 200	What is 120?
Terrestrial animal most closely related to whales	What is the hippopotamus?
Main cause of marine mammal Unusual Mortality Events (UMEs)	What are Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)?

At the Movies

Answer	Question
Boy befriends captive killer whale, helps turn it loose	What is <i>Free Willy</i> ?
Chased by Captain Ahab	Who is Moby Dick?
Boy and dolphin friends who have adventures together	What is <i>Flipper</i> ?
Monstro swallows Geppetto	What is <i>Pinocchio</i> ?
Name of orphan seal adopted by Maine family	Who is Andre?



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Management & Policy

Answer	Question
Congress passed this law in 1973 for the protection of marine mammals	What is the Marine Mammal Protection Act?
Distance a boat can approach a large whale	What is 100 meters (328 ft.)?
Greatest danger to marine mammals	What are humans?
International organization which regulates whaling	What is the International Whaling Commission (IWC)?
Type of whale no longer on endangered species list (recovered and delisted)	What is the grey whale?

Final Jeopardy

Whaling

Answer	Question
Country conducting commercial whaling of large whales	What is Iceland or Norway?